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Dear Kirk Schuring,

Welcome to the American Legislative Exchange Council! We are excited to have you on board this year. We appreciate your commitment to free markets, limited government, and federalism and look forward to serving you as you serve your state.

The details of your membership term and benefits are as follows:

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- 2017 Spring Task Force Summit - May 5, Charlotte, NC
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Dear Kirk,

You will now be able to register for meetings, purchase publications and follow upcoming events through the ALEC Member Portal.

Your new ALEC Member Portal password can be found below. If you have any questions or difficulty logging in you may contact Spencer Chretien at schretien@alec.org.

Thank you for your continued partnership and welcome to the ALEC portal!

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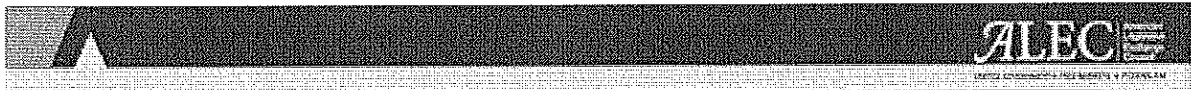
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Dear Representative Schuring,

We look forward to seeing you in Charlotte for the Spring Task Force Summit.

While you're there, we'd like to show you the new ALEC constituent relationship management system, the Constituent Analytics and Research Exchange (ALEC CARE), that will transform the way you interact with your constituents and make you a more effective legislator.

We'll be on hand 2:00-5:00 PM Thursday, May 4; 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM Friday, May 5; and 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM Saturday, May 6 to provide demonstrations and training so you can begin using this game-changing tool right away.

Come see what a growing number of ALEC members consider one of the most valuable benefits we offer.

Please email Ashley Varner to set up a demonstration time while you're in Charlotte.

We hope you will take this opportunity to get your account started during the Spring Task Force Summit.

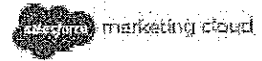
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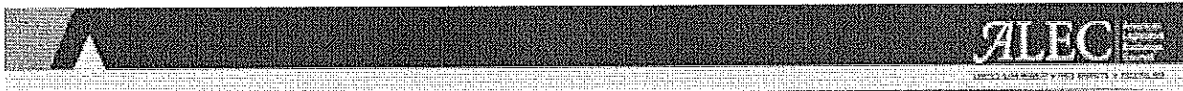
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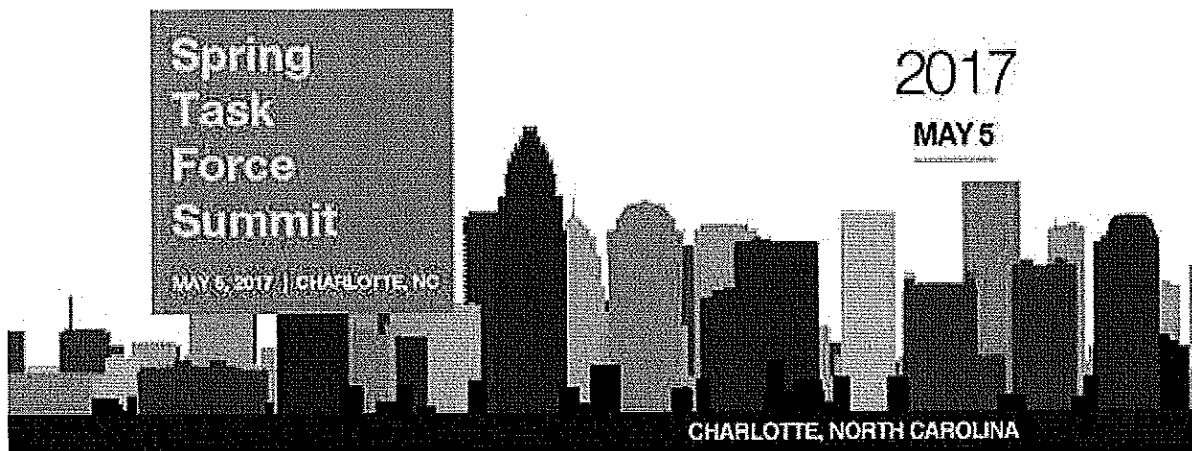
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Business-Friendly States are Growing at the Expense of Those that Tax and Spend

National Review | Jonathan Williams | Op-ed



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This year, several states earned their best all time rankings in *Rich States, Poor States*. After enacting right-to-work legislation and aggressively cutting tax rates, Indiana, which sat at 24th as recently as 2012, claimed the second-best economic outlook in the nation this year. Texas and New Hampshire both also saw significant improvement in the 2017 rankings, earning their best marks to date.



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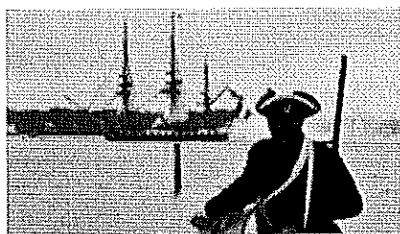


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After 500 Years, Civil Asset Forfeiture Reform Long Overdue

The Hill | Ronald Lampard | Director, Criminal Justice Reform



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Raising the burden of proof required for the government to take someone's property, increasing transparency and removing the financial incentives of the seizing agencies are various ways states have sought to increase private property protections. As seen by these efforts, reforming civil asset forfeiture after nearly 500 years is long overdue.



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Health and Human Services Spring Task Force Updates

Spring Task Force Summit | Health and Human Services | Mia Heck, Director

The Health and Human Services (HHS) Task Force continues to lead in the discussion to repeal and replace Obamacare. We are pleased to announce Mr. Kyle McGowan, Director of External Affairs from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services will be giving an update on Trump Administration efforts in the deregulatory, repeal and replace, as well as recently announced grant funding available to states in response to the opioid addiction and overdose epidemic at the Spring Task Force Summit in Charlotte.

In addition, we are pleased to welcome Deputy Insurance Commissioner from Wisconsin, JP Wieske who will discuss state insurance regulations, as well as Galen Institute Senior Fellow Mr. Doug Badger to discuss pros and cons between a block grant and per capita allotment from a state perspective.

We look forward to your participation in these important policy discussions!

Center for Innovation and Technology Reception

May 4 | Center for Innovation and Technology

Getting to Charlotte early on Thursday, May 4? Check-in at the registration desk and join the reception for our Center for Innovation and Technology from 4:30 PM to 6:00 PM.

North Carolina Welcome Reception

May 5 | Spring Task Force Summit

Join us after a day of meetings to network with attendees at the North Carolina Welcome Reception. Be sure to grab a bite of that famous North Carolina pulled pork! Bring your badge and join us from 5:00 PM to 6:00 PM.

[More on the Agenda](#)

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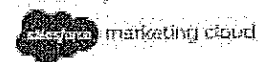


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ISSUE ALERT

April 26, 2017

To: Members of the Ohio House of Representatives
From: The Jeffersonian Project
Re: Oppose Travel Taxes in Ohio

The operating budget currently under consideration in the Ohio General Assembly (Substitute HB 49) would levy the sales tax on travel services- defined as "acting as an agent to sell travel, tour, or accommodation services to the general public or commercial clients." As a result, sales and use taxes would be calculated based on the full price paid by customers to the travel intermediary, i.e. including the fees charged by online travel agents.

Additional taxes make travel to Ohio more expensive, thereby harming Ohio's tourism industry and weakening the economy as a result. **The Jeffersonian Project, the 501(c)4 affiliate of the American Legislative Exchange Council (ALEC), strongly opposes this new discriminatory service tax on the Ohio travel and tourism economy.**

Intermediaries connect potential tourists with Ohio hotels, and by doing so, help generate tax revenue from these visitors through their in-state commerce. Visitors also add to the Ohio economy through purchases at local restaurants, stores, events and other in-state businesses. In a modern, digital economy, intermediaries serve as a crucial facilitator to position the state to benefit from domestic and global travelers.

Imposing new taxes in Ohio, including taxes on the state's crucial travel industry, impedes economic growth and conflicts with the ALEC Principles of Sound Taxation, which states that tax policy should be competitive, neutral and fair to all business, regardless of industry. Moreover, as ALEC model policy - the Travel Agent Tax Fairness Act - notes, online travel companies are separate entities from accommodations providers. Online travel companies do not provide lodging and amenities, but instead facilitate the purchase of that lodging.

What Ohio will lose in tax revenue from travelers who choose to stay elsewhere will likely outweigh the revenue generated by the expanded tax; such is the epitome of shortsighted tax policy. As the principle from Economics 101 suggests, when you tax something more, you get less of it. Earlier this session, lawmakers in Montana and Arkansas rejected similar taxes on travel intermediaries, understanding that applying new taxes on travel services will create a disincentive to travel to states with such taxes.

Ohio's sales tax burden is already higher than 21 other states; income earners already endure the nation's 13th highest income tax rate, state and local rates combined, on top of this. Adding to the burden will harm Ohio taxpayers.

Therefore, the Jeffersonian Project strongly encourages members in the Ohio General Assembly to avoid new taxes on the state's travel and tourism economy and instead focus on broader, fundamental reforms that improve the state's competitiveness.

Thank you for your consideration.

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CC: Zielinski, Justin; Snider, Grace; Stepp, Taylor; Hartman, Sarah

Subject: FW: Oppose Travel Taxes in Ohio

ALEC opposes the Rep. Antani proposal to tax hotel intermediaries, for the reasons expressed by Rep. Dever and others.

From: Ashley Varner [mailto:avarner@jeffersonian-project.org]

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CC: Gentil, Ryan D; Barrett, Lee E

Subject: ALEC Spring Task Force

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Gentlemen,

We understand you may be planning to attend the ALEC Spring Task Force in Charlotte, NC, on Friday, May 5, 2017. If so, please make a note that Lee Mazzocchi, Senior VP of Grid Solutions for Duke Energy, is delivering a 30 minute presentation on gas and electric infrastructure investments to the ALEC EE&A Task Force at 4:30PM that day. Lee's remarks will cover the \$25 billion Duke Energy is investing across the Company's enterprise over the next several years with highlights that include plans for Ohio.

It would be great if you could attend the presentation to learn more about the Company and so Ryan and I can introduce you to Lee. If the timing works, we could then head together to evening events.

Please let us know your availability and plans.

Thanks.

John & Ryan

John Keaton

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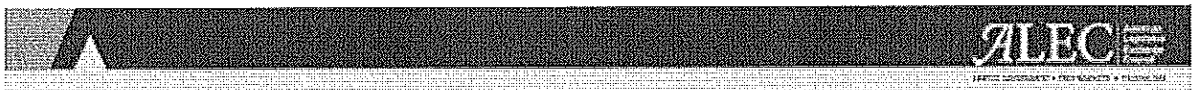
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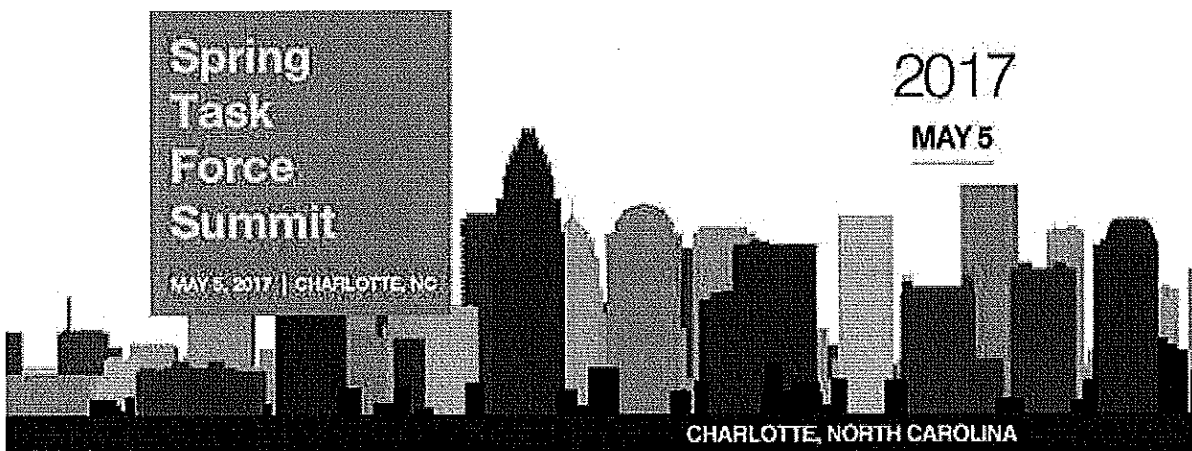
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As the Spring Task Force Summit nears, everyone at ALEC is hard at work preparing for a productive, policy-packed meeting. However, it goes without saying ALEC is also rearing up for all of the fun Charlotte has to offer. We are looking forward to seeing you all soon!

Fun Facts About Charlotte:

- North Carolina is a right to work state
- Charlotte is the largest city in the state of North Carolina and the 20th largest city in the United States
- Affectionately called the Queen City, Charlotte was named in honor of the German Princess Charlotte of Mecklenburg-Strelitz
- The Charlotte Hornets used to be a baseball team, then a football team before they became Charlotte's favorite basketball team
- Approximately 75% of all the NASCAR teams in the world are headquartered within two hours of uptown Charlotte

New ALEC Video

USA (Unauthorized Spending Accountability) Act Explained

Representative Cathy McMorris Rodgers | A Sarah Wood Production



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In FY 2016, Congress appropriated \$310.4 billion to 256 programs that are no longer authorized - equating to roughly one-quarter of the discretionary budget. Representative Cathy McMorris Rodgers joins ALEC to discuss the USA Act, a bill that will address wasteful government spending.



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Tax Reform 101

Tax Reform Explained | Jonathan Williams | ALEC Chief Economist



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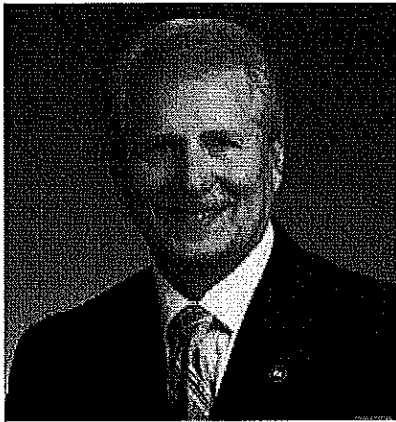
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Featured ALEC Member

ALEC-FreedomWorks Legislator of the Week

Senator Bill Ketron | TN-13



Senator Bill Ketron is a native Tennessean and was born in Kingsport, Tennessee. He received his B.S. in political science and history from Middle Tennessee State University and is a graduate of Leadership Rutherford, the year-long government and community education program of the Rutherford County Chamber of Commerce. [Click here for the full bio.](#)



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Dear Representative Schuring,

Thank you for your interest in the new ALEC CARE constituent relationship management system - specifically designed to improve your engagement with your district and better inform you and your colleagues about the priorities and attitudes back home in your districts.

We will hold new demonstrations at the top of the hour on Thursday between 3:00 PM and 5:00 PM, Friday between 9:00 AM and 5:00 PM and on Saturday between 10:00 AM and 12:00 PM. Which time works best for you? Please let us know and we will get your account started ahead of time.

Thank you very much,

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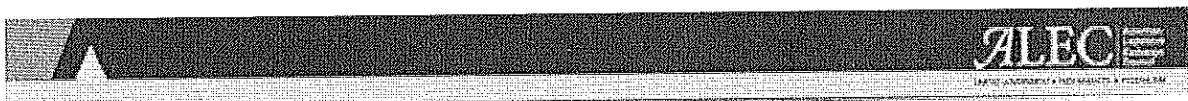
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Dear members,

The last few months at ALEC have been electric. I've heard from legislators around the country that 2017 has been a great year for limited government and free markets. And **ALEC members want to hear from you about what's happening in your state.**

As the legislative sessions begin to come to a close, it's clear 2017 has already been a great year for right to work, tax reform and deregulation that levels the playing field and keeps government from picking winners and losers. **In just the first hundred days of the new Administration, the White House has received high-level appointments and has taken steps to ensure increased regulatory relief that will grow jobs and the economy.** And, for the first time in a long time, hardworking American tax payers can be confident their legislators are supported in Washington as they are fighting on the front lines for limited government, free markets and federalism.

= Alf you haven't gotten in on the action at ALEC, you are missing out. But there is still an opportunity for you to be where the action is because we are gearing up for two policy-packed meetings. Don't forget to register for the Spring Task Force Summit in Charlotte, North Carolina next week. There are just a few spots left, so I'd encourage you to sign up immediately!

And as you are preparing for the Spring Task Force Summit next week in Charlotte, be sure to put the ALEC Annual Meeting in Denver on your calendar for July 19-21. This is the ultimate opportunity for you to meet not just other ALEC members, but also new friends and allies in the fight for freedom. **At the ALEC Annual Meeting, you will listen, learn and engage with the best and brightest minds fighting for limited government like Steve Forbes, Kentucky Governor Bevin, administration officials and cabinet secretaries.**

Denver truly is great city, and we would love to have you. And, **bring your family**—through Kid's Congress, ALEC is happy to provide a wealth of activities for children so you can **learn and network while enjoying time with your family and responsibilities and giving the kids a Colorado vacation they'll remember.**

As we turn to 2018, we need your help to continue the limited government reform campaign initiated this year. At ALEC meetings you have a role in crafting the destiny of the states and the nation. Members from around the country want to know what you did in your state to advance free enterprise. Join us in the fight to preserve the rights enshrined in the Constitution, and to ensure power is rolled back to the states.

I genuinely believe we are on track to achieve great things and hope you will join us at ALEC this year!

Sincerely,

Lisa B. Nelson
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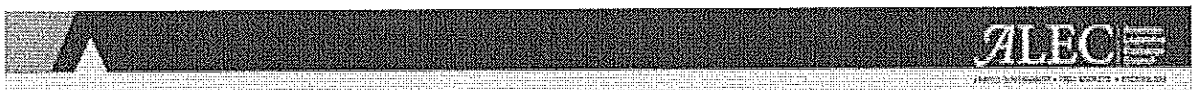
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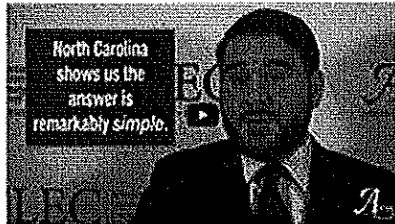


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North Carolina: Setting an Example for Tax Reform

Elliot Young | Jonathan Williams | A Sarah Wood Production



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Jonathan Williams, Chief Economist and Vice President of the Center for State Fiscal Reform, and Elliot Young, Research Analyst for the Center for State Fiscal Reform, discuss North Carolina's tax reform success. The state was ranked third in *Rich States, Poor States: ALEC-Laffer Economic Competitiveness Index*.



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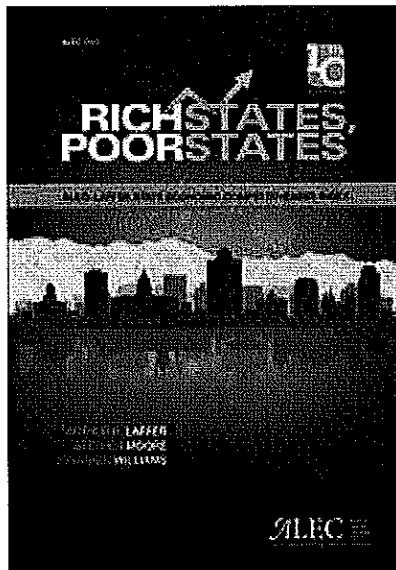


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Featured Publication

Rich States, Poor States, 10th Edition

Dr. Arthur Laffer | Stephen Moore | Jonathan Williams



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The 10th Edition of *Rich States, Poor States: ALEC-Laffer State Economic Competitiveness Index* reveals a pro-growth trend across the nation for 2017.

Rich States, Poor States examines the latest movements in state economic growth. The data ranks the 2017 economic outlook of states using fifteen equally weighted policy variables, including various tax rates, regulatory burdens and labor policies. The ninth edition examines trends over the last few decades that have helped or hurt states' economies.

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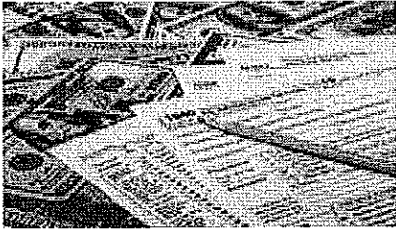


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Expert Insight

Make Iowa More Competitive Through Tax Reform

The Des Moines Register | Jonathan Williams | Tax Reform



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Iowa's economy has many positive elements. However, as other states are working to simplify their tax codes, Iowa's tax code is falling behind and causing the loss of businesses, investments and entrepreneurs - leaving the state in search of better economic opportunities. Iowa is not just competing in a globalized economy, but it is also in competition with 49 other states for Americans and jobs. [Click here for more.](#)



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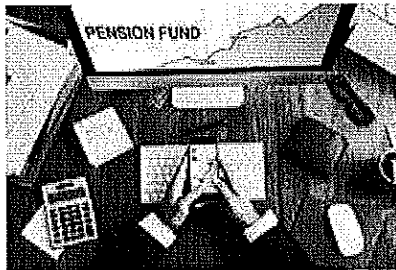


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The Williams Report

State Budgets | Bob Williams | ALEC Senior Fellow



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NEW REPORT: Released May 1, by the ALEC Center for State Fiscal Reform. ALEC Senior Fellow Bob Williams, provides a run down of the latest budgets and pension reform in the states.



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Expert Opinion

Business-Friendly States are Growing at the Expense of those who Tax and Spend

National Review | Jonathan Williams

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The tenth edition of the *Rich States, Poor States: ALEC-Laffer State Economic Competitiveness Index* has just been released, and once again, Utah was found to have the best economic outlook of any state in the nation. The rankings are based on 15 equally-weighted economic policy variables, including tax rates, labor policy, and regulatory climate. Click here for more.



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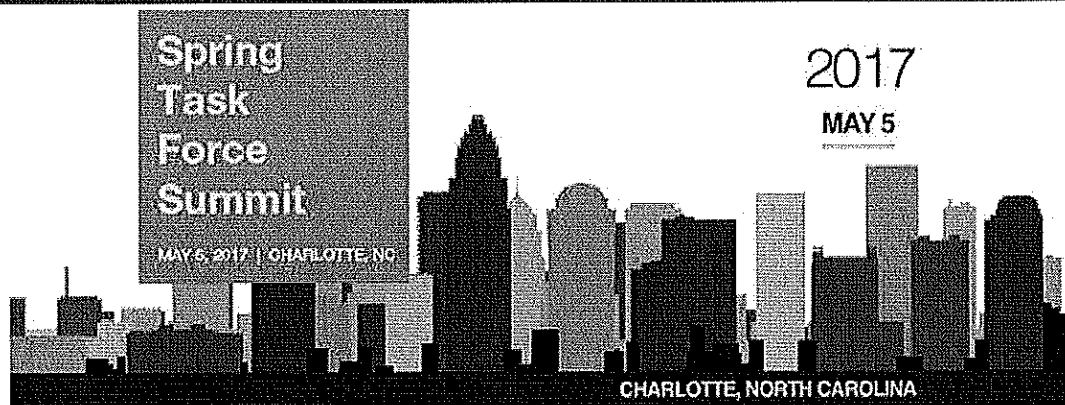
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Subject: ALEC Cancellation Confirmed - 2017 Spring Task Force Summit



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We are sorry that you are no longer able to attend the ALEC 2017 Spring Task Force Summit. Your registration has been cancelled. We hope that you will join us at one of our [future events](#).

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Sincerely,
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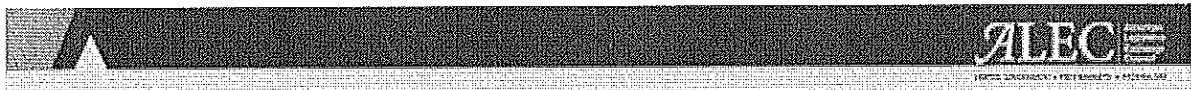
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A Letter From the Desk of, *Jonathon Hauenschild*

Dear Members of the Communications & Technology Task Force,

I trust you are ready for the Spring Task Force Summit, which is right around the corner. We are looking forward to discussing a number of important, and timely, topics including a lunch time discussion with Federal Communications Commission Commissioner Michael O'Rielly.

This past week has been busy, filled with critical announcements and details for all consumers of technology policy. Most notably, the FCC announced its plans to reverse the classification of the Internet as a Title II telecommunications service.

This month's newsletter will focus on all things related to the announcement. In this version of the newsletter, you will find links to articles representing views from the Right and Left. You will find links to industry statements, and links to FCC documents and Commissioner statements.

If you would like to get involved in the discussion, please email me a jhauenschild@alec.org and I will be glad to help educate you on the details of how to ensure your voice is heard!

Regards,

Jonathon Paul Hauenschild, J.D.
Director, Task Force on Communications & Technology
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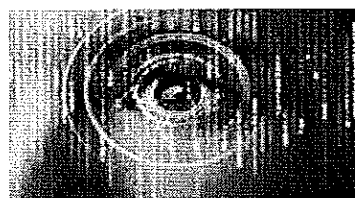


FCC Chairman Pai Signals Speaks Out
FreedomWorks | FCC Chairman Ajit Pai | Internet Regulation

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Want to know what Chairman Pai, Commissioner O'Rielly, or Commissioner Clyburn think about undoing Title II classification?
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ALEC-FreedomWorks Legislator of the Week
Speaker Linda Upmeyer | IA-54



Speaker Linda Upmeyer is a native Iowan and was born in Mason City, Iowa. She received her BSN from the University of Iowa and her Master's in Nursing from Drake University. She is currently serving her eighth term in the Iowa House.

In 2008 Speaker Upmeyer served as the Republican Whip and went on to serve as the House Majority Leader from 2010 until she was elected to the Speaker of The House in 2015. She is an active member of the American Legislative Exchange Council (ALEC) and serves as the Chair Emerita on the Board of Directors. Click here for the full bio.



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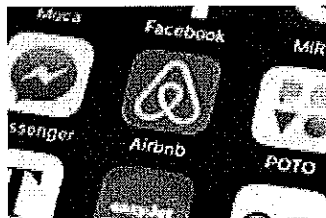
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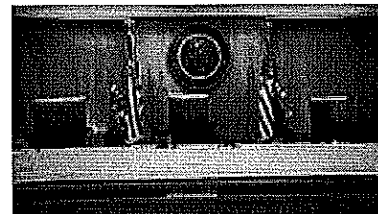


Pai Addresses the Future of Net Neutrality

The FCC's plan to kill net neutrality is here and it's a vague, open-ended mess

Net Combatants: Groups Line Up for Net Neutrality Fight

What I'm Publishing



Why the internet should not be regulated with a law old enough to qualify for Social Security benefits. Let's not regulate the internet like it is 1934

The Senate, and now the House, was right to nullify the FCC's so-called ISP Privacy

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The Spring Task Force Summi
Highlights

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Registration: The registration desk will be located in the Grand Ballroom Promenade on level 2 of The Westin Charlotte.

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Registration:
Grand Ballroom Promenade
Thursday, May 4 -
1:00 PM - 6:00PM
Friday, May 5 -
7:00 AM - 4:00 PM

ALEC CARE Training
May 4 - 6, 2017

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Workshop: "Delivering the Tech Future
Networks Power an Unwired World"
May 5

North Carolina Welcome Reception
May 5, 2017

Visit our website to view the conference agenda.

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Take advantage of our reimbursement program to help offset your cost to attend our Spring Task Force you can receive up to \$350 in travel reimbursement and two nights of hotel stay.

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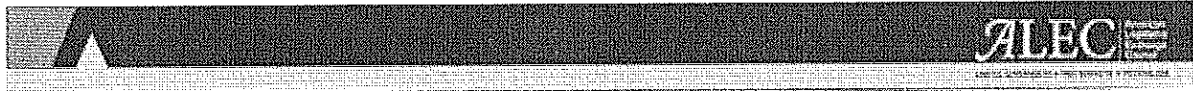
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The income tax rate on corporations, under current law is the highest in the industrialized world, discouraging foreign investment and economic growth. Click here to find out how to make America competitive again.



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Continue to Make Civil Asset Forfeiture Process More Transparent

oard | Director, Criminal Justice Reform



Reporting requirements for civil as are crucial for transparency. Rona Lampard, Director of the ALEC Criminal Justice Reform Task Force recognizes several states across the country making positive changes towards better serving their districts. Click here to find out how your state can improve its asset forfeiture process.



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Trump Signs Executive Order Directing Department of Education to Review Regulation and Return Control to States

Stepman | Director, Education and Workforce Development Task Force

On Wednesday, President Trump took a step in the right direction in reining in a bloated and overreaching Department of Education. Click here to find out how the administration is working to return control of education back into the hands of your state.

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Model Policy Spotlight

Temporary Health Insurance Risk Pool Act

Summary: This act creates a temporary health insurance state risk pool. Click below to review the full text of the draft model policy

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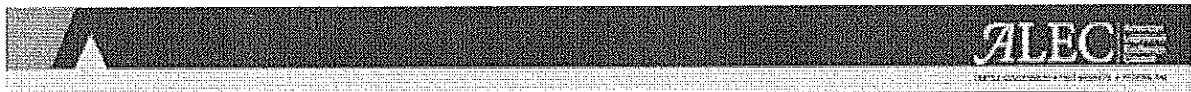
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Dear Representative Schuring,

We are excited to have you with us in Charlotte! Make sure to stop by for a quick, 20 minute ALEC CARE demonstration.

We will be available,

Thursday between 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM
2nd Floor - Morehead Room

Friday between 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM
2nd Floor - Sharon Room

Saturday between 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM
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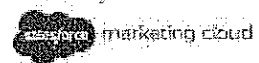


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To: Rep. Jason Saine
CC: Stephen Wiley
Subject: Cigar Reception after ALEC
Attachments: You're Invited.png

All,

We're looking forward to hosting you in Charlotte for ALEC Spring Task Force this Friday!

Following the North Carolina Welcome Reception Friday at 5 a cigar reception will be held at Olde Meck Brewery, just a few miles down the road from 6-8 PM.

Cigars will be provided by the Cigar Association of America. Please contact Stephen Wiley at swiley15@gmail.com if you have any questions about the event.

The address is 4150 Yancey Rd, Charlotte, NC 28217.

Representative Jason Saine
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You're invited...

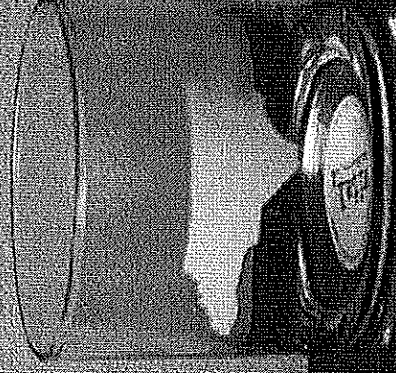
Cigar Reception

Olde Meck Brewery

4150 Yancey Rd

Charlotte, NC 28217

6-8 pm May 5th 2017



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All,

One final update; shuttles to and from Olde Meck will be provided by ALEC tonight.
Looking forward to seeing you all there!

Regards,

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Thank you for coming to the ALEC Spring Task Force Summit!

Dear Attendees,

Thank you for coming to the ALEC Spring Task Force Summit in North Carolina! We sincerely hope you have enjoyed your time in the Tar Heel State.

There is truly no better time for free market leadership in the states than right now. Under the new administration, we are uniquely positioned to affect positive change in the states, and we are working hard to get Washington out of the way.

By participating in the Task Force meetings today at ALEC, you have helped craft impactful policy and launched help move the states and country forward. ALEC enables leaders to reach across state lines to explore best practices “laboratories of democracy,” and your ideas—brought together by ALEC—provide needed solutions for public policy. In short, the dialogue you shared at ALEC brings about better public policy.

Please help ALEC host great meetings by completing the survey below. We look forward to hearing your comments!

ALEC Spring Task Force Summit Survey

Thank you for all you do to advance limited government, free markets and federalism. And, thank you again for the Spring Task Force Summit in Charlotte.

Sincerely,

Representative Jason Saine
North Carolina 97th District
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Expert Opinion

A Balanced Budget Amendment - A 2017 Recap of the Road to 34

Loren Enns | State Campaigns Director and Field Operative at Balanced Budget Amendment Task Force



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The 2017 legislative session was filled with action for the balanced budget amendment (BBA) campaign. Going into January, BBA had 28 of the 34 state Article V applications needed to compel Congress to call an amendments convention suggesting the likelihood of reaching 30 to 32 applications was quite high. [Click here for more.](#)



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Representative Ken Ivory | UT - 47



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Take the course and join us as we restore structural balance to the greatest governing system ever devised.



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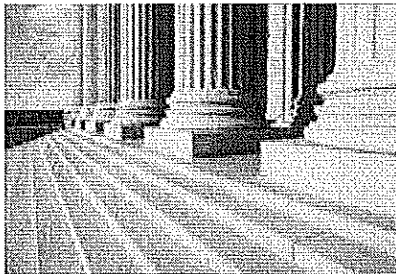


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Expert Insight

The "Runaway Convention": A Most Tenacious Myth

Karla Jones | Director, International Relations and Federalism Task Force



The universal roadblock that prevents Article V applications from reaching the 34-state threshold is the myth of the "runaway convention." This fiction first appeared in the early 1960s and has taken hold of the imaginations of many who oppose Article V process. For a comprehensive list of state applications, see the Article V Library [here](#).



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Expert Opinion

Assessing Pirated Content is not Worth the Risk

Karla Jones | Intellectual Property



Intellectual property rights (IPR) were so important to America's Founders, they included them in the U.S. Constitution in Article I, Section 8:

"To promote the Progress of Science and useful Arts by securing for limited Times to Authors and Inventors the exclusive Right to their respective Writings and Discoveries."

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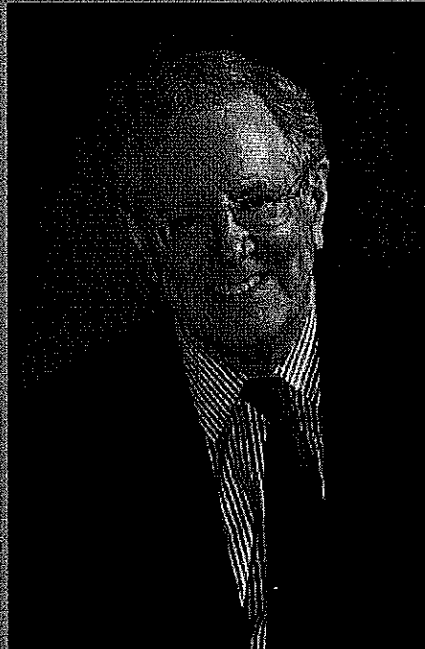


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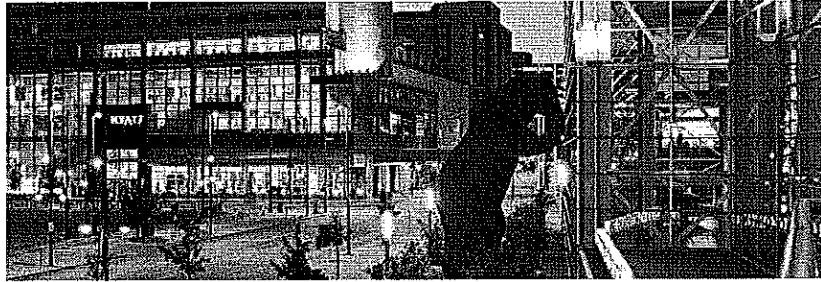
Governor Matt Bevin, KY



Mr. Steve Forbes

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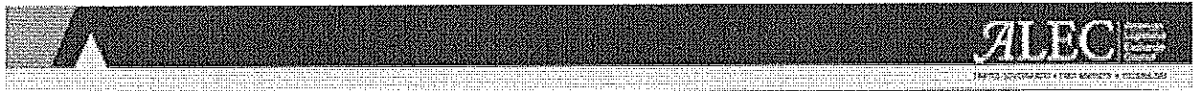
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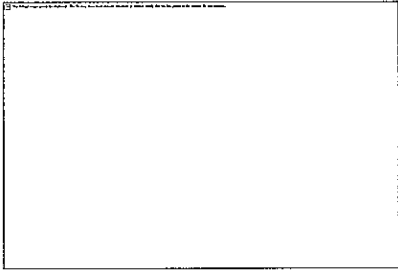


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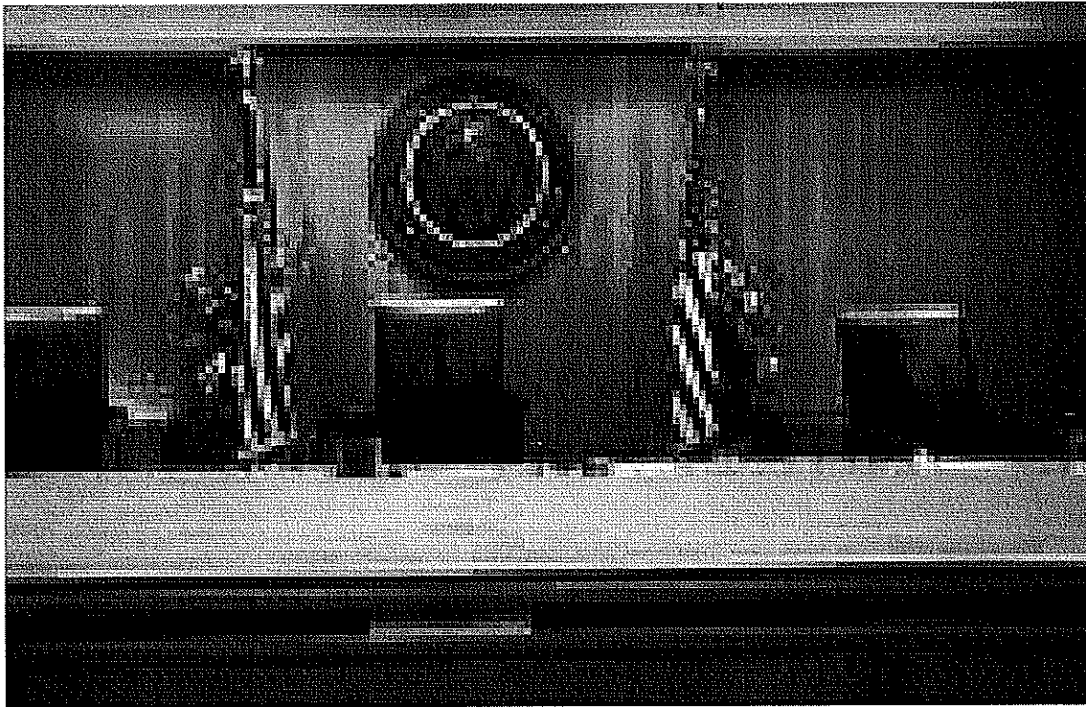
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e FCC to Stop Regulating the Net Like it's 1934

nschild | *The Hill*



"I'm into discipline
Got a Bible in my hand and a bear
But if I finish all of my chores and y
thine
Then tonight we're gonna party like

This stanza from Weird Al Yankov's *"Paradise"* is particularly relevant to the current net neutrality debate as both the laws on which net neutrality is based look back to bygone eras present in the modern age. In Weird Al's case, he advocates a lifestyle that shuns modern technology in favor of choosing to live a simpler life. [Click here for more.](#)



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domWorks Legislator of the Week

Christina Hagan | OH - 50

Representative Christina Hagan is a native Ohioan and was born in Marlboro Township, Oh received her B.A. in Business Administration from Malone University. She is currently seekir 2018 to the U.S. House to represent the 16th Congressional District of Ohio. Click here for t



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Model Policy Spotlight

Temporary Health Insurance Risk Pool Act

Summary: This act creates a temporary health insurance state risk pool.

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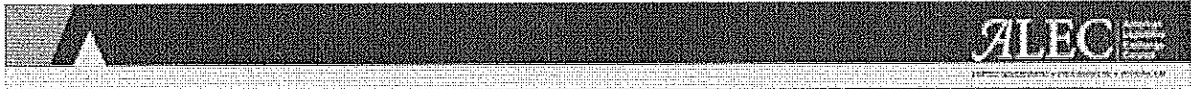
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Dear Kirk,

It was great seeing and talking with you during the Spring Task Force Summit. As expected, we had a number of great speakers and panels, including a lunchtime presentation from FCC Commissioner Michael O'Rielly.

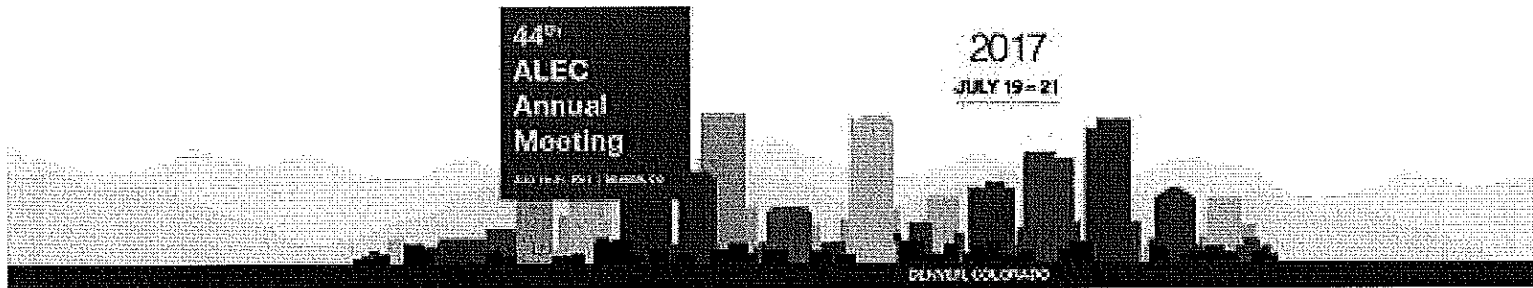
I am writing for a couple reasons. First, I want to alert you regarding resources for the FCC's Restoring Internet Freedom Order. As many of you know, the last newsletter contained a number of links to documents, stories, and other items. The next newsletter, which will arrive **this coming Wednesday**, will include more resources to help you engage with the FCC.

Second, as mentioned during the meeting, the Task Force is launching a working group to craft a Statement of Principles on Online Free Expression. The working group comes after an excellent discussion regarding the importance of Section 230 of the Communications Decency Act and the need to preserve the internet as a space for free expression. If you are interested in joining the working group, please email me at jhauenschild@alec.org.

As always, if you have any questions regarding the topics raised in this email, or any other communications and technology-related issue, please feel free to contact me.

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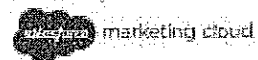
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To: Ronnie Lampard

CC: Montana Hyde

Subject: FW: Invite to Coalition for Public Safety's May 31st Event in Columbus

Attachments: Sensible Justice Invite - May 31 - Columbus.pdf

Dear Ohio ALEC Legislative Members,

I hope all of you are doing well.

I wanted to invite all of you to this event hosted by U.S. Justice Action Network at the Ohio Statehouse Atrium on May 31st at 6PM titled, "Law, Order, and Sensible Justice Roundtable." A reception will follow after the event. For additional information, please see the attached invitation. Thank you!

Ronnie

Ronald J. Lampard

Criminal Justice Reform Task Force Director

American Legislative Exchange Council

RLampard@ALEC.org

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Law, Order, and Sensible Justice Roundtable

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Hear from criminal justice practitioners about how we can
improve Ohio's justice system.

Reception to follow!

DATE & TIME

Wednesday,
May 31
6-8 p.m. EST

LOCATION

Ohio Statehouse Atrium
1 Capitol Square
Columbus, Ohio 43215

FEATURING

Carter
Stewart

Former U.S. Attorney for the
Southern District of Ohio

Senator
John Eklund

Ohio State Senate,
District 18

Judge John W.
"Tim" Rudduck

Clinton County
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Additional panelists to be announced

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Getting to the Near Future, and Beyond

The promise of the world of tomorrow is just an empty promise long held out as being made good. But now we really do stand on the precipice of the future. We can peer into the near future with clarity, optimism and certainty. Everything we know today will change, be reimagined and be used in new ways with greater access. From work to play, powerful networks and new tech applications will be the foundation for the next generation of services. How so? Take a look here for a glimpse into the near future.

But it takes allowing people to operate in a truly free market to make that near future the reality of today. That is to say the innovation needed to get to the near future will not happen by accident, it will not happen with any sort of central planning and it will not happen without the states.

According to CompTIA's CyberStates , the definitive guide to national, state and metropolitan area tech sector and tech workforce analytics, while many tech issues are addressed at the federal level, the states play a significant role as well. The states show a wide variance as to which are performing the best where innovation and policy are concerned.

The CompTIA ranking indicates Oregon's economic impact by tech is larger by a significant margin than in any other state. Washington clocks in with the second largest economic impact, with Massachusetts, California and Colorado following close behind. Innovation per capita is part of the reason, with California coming in first, followed by Massachusetts, Washington, Colorado and New Jersey.

The top states for tech sector employment is also an important part of the story, with California (1,186,470 employees) again leading the pack, followed by Texas (592,960), New York (377,740), Florida (318,340) and Massachusetts (300,630).

This ranking is made even more interesting when compared to the Consumer Technology Association's. This scorecard ranks the states while keeping in mind, "New technology and innovative online platforms are threatened by overreaching mandates and outdated rules in local, state and federal governments. We educate policymakers to ensure the innovation economy is protected from laws and regulations which delay, restrict or ban the development of technologies."

Earning top marks as states that are "Innovative Champions" in no particular order include Utah, Colorado, North Dakota, Michigan, Washington, New Hampshire, Massachusetts, Delaware, Maryland and Virginia. The laggards are noted in no particular order as Alaska, Hawaii, New Mexico, Arkansas, Louisiana, Mississippi, Tennessee, Kentucky and West Virginia.

Put these lists together and it seems some states are coasting on past good policy that is not keeping up or headed in the wrong direction= 2threatening our near future. California jumps out as the most obvious. Meanwhile, Massachusetts, Colorado and Washington seem to be living up to their potential and trying to grow from there.

States will need to become increasingly diligent in making sure current laws and regulations do not hinder the advancement of innovation. In addition, new proposals will need to be viewed through an innovation lens, taking a hard look to make sure new proposed laws or regulations do not stand in the way of creative ideas, processes, business models, services or products. A good start is to take a look at the model policies created by the ALEC Communications and Technology Task Force to determine what a state needs. Work needs to be done in many places. Without determination by legislators and regulators, the promise of the near future will devolve into a present failure.

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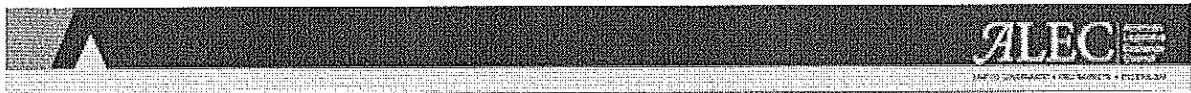
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A Letter From the Desk of, *Jonathon Hauenschild*

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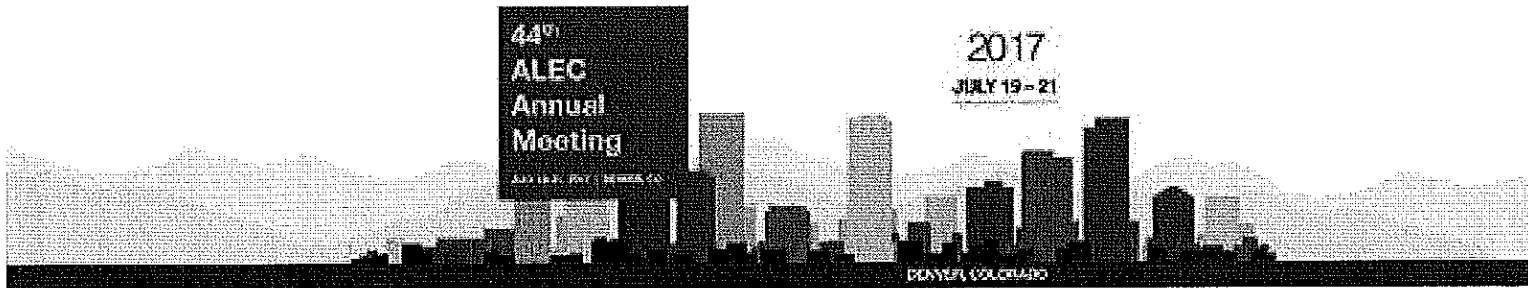
It was great seeing all of you a couple weeks ago. As I write this email, I am sitting at the Federalist Society's Executive Branch Review Conference. The speakers are discussing how to restore the balance of legislative authority in the federal government, how agencies have encroached upon legislative authority and how reform can unleash American innovation.

This newsletter is another resource for you relating to the Federal Communications Commission's Restoring Internet Freedom proposed rule. The FCC will vote on the NPRM tomorrow, which opens the period for comments to be filed. The resources in this newsletter include a paragraph by paragraph breakdown of the NPRM and the FCC's questions and requests for comments, a list of questions state legislators can use to gather data from state utility commissions and attorney general to help answer some of the FCC's questions, and more.

For legislators who want to help answer some of the FCC's questions, please let me know and I am more than willing to help you out. My email address is jhauenschild@alec.org.

Regards,

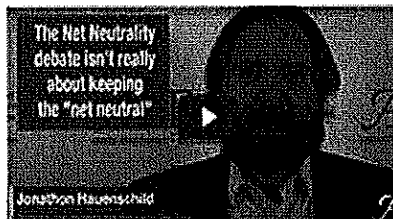
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Director, Task Force on Communications & Technology



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Net Neutrality 101

Jonathon Hauenschild



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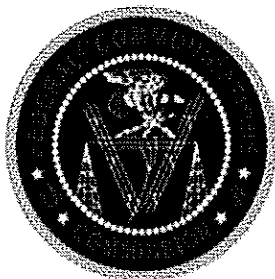


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Get Your FCC Resources First

Restoring Internet Freedom, Questions for Legislators

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Click below and download your free copy of a comprehensive list of questions. This file is for legislators who want to help the FCC, they can gather data from various state commissions, agencies, and the attorney general. The questions found in this article are designed to help guide state legislators gather that data in a way that will be useful to the FCC. [Click here for your copy!](#)



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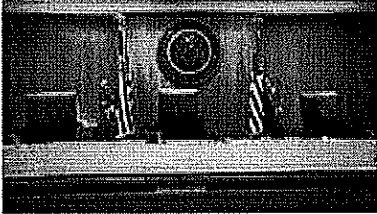


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FCC Questions for Legislators

NPRM Requests for Comments

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An NPRM can be complex, and challenging to understand. This resource is designed to highlight the subjects where the FCC seeks comments, illustrative questions asked by the FCC, and how those questions relate to the FCC's intent to restore internet freedom. Each question is divided by NPRM paragraph and the generalized category of information sought within the question. As a caveat, the categorization is not official. The categorization is based on my opinions and best guesses.



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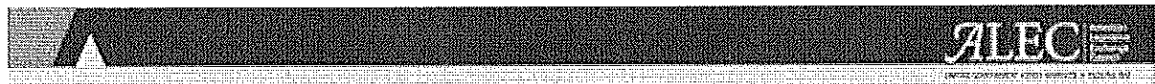
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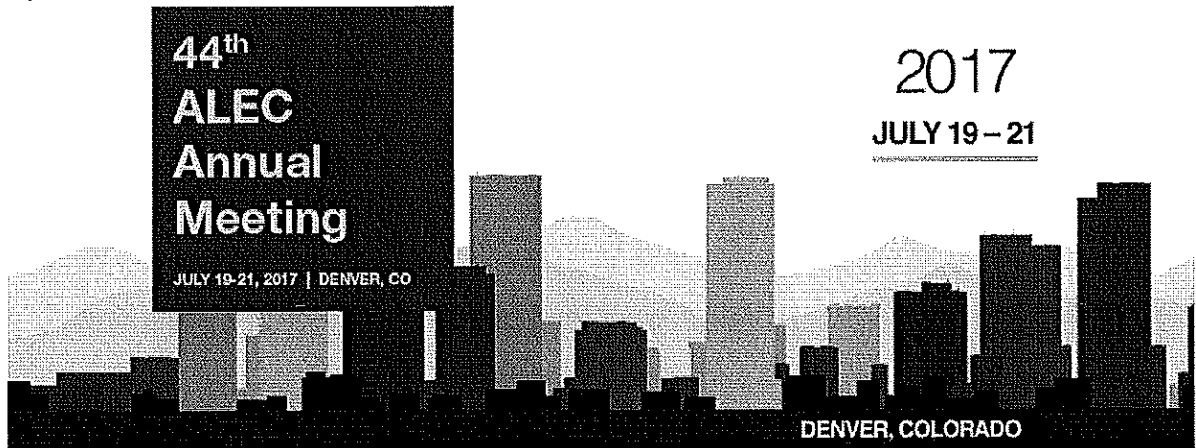
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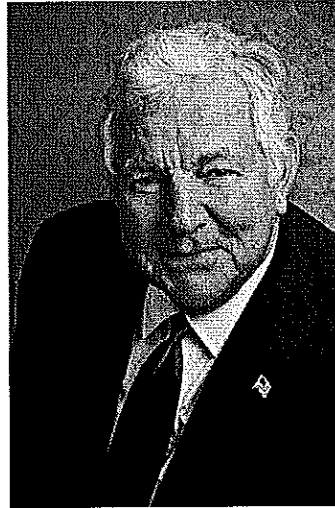
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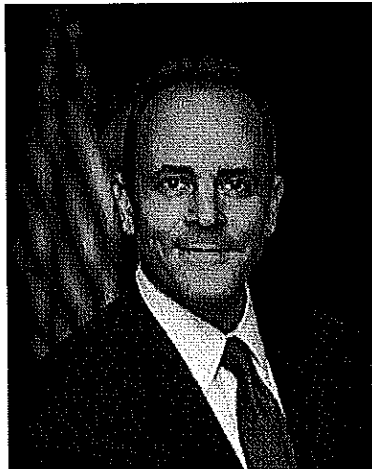
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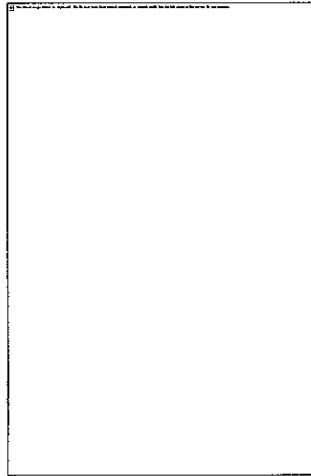
Dr. William "Bill" Bennett



Don't miss these great speakers as well!



Governor Matt Bevin (KY)



Mr. Steve Forbes

Agenda News!

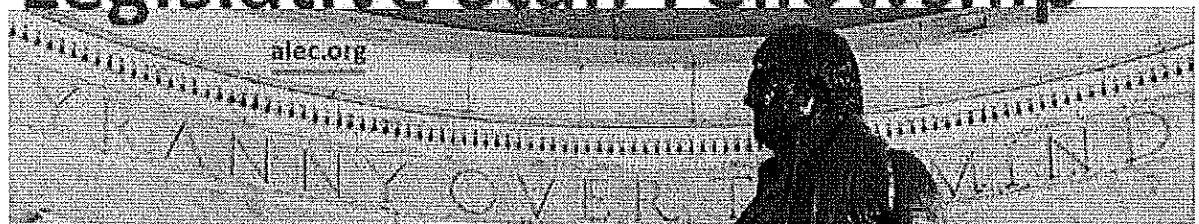
Don't miss our exciting workshops covering issues from clean coal to prescription drug abuse. Stay tuned for more announcements!

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Key Features Include:
Professional Development and Training
Peer-to-Peer and Vertical Networking
Policy Discussion, Dissection and Analysis

To learn more about the program, please contact Lacey White, ALEC Policy Coordinator

Accepting applications for both ALEC Annual Meeting and ALEC States and Nation Policy Summit.

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The ALEC Annual Meeting will be here before you know it! Be sure to reserve your room now at the discounted rate of \$205 (per night) and stay in our host hotel, the Hyatt Regency Denver!
Housing block ends on June 26

Book Now!

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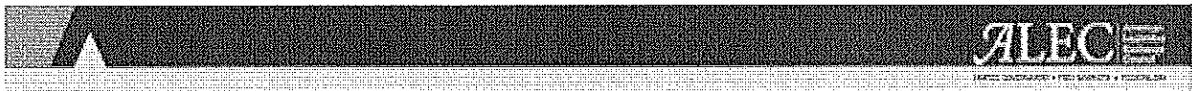
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See you in Denver!

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IEW: ALEC Video

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Jonathon Hauenschild | FCC | Net Neutrality



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In light of the Federal Communications Commission's Restoring Internet Freedom proposed rule going to a vote today, Task force Director, Jonathon Hauenschild breaks down what the net neutrality debate is really about.



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Expert Opinion

Macron Inspires France to Rise

Marla Jones | *The Hill* | International Relations



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"Both Trump and Macron never held public office before their inaugurations spending their working lives in the private sector. However, both fashioned successful movements pledging to upend the political dysfunction in their respective countries. Macron established a new party En Marché! (Onward!), and Trump refashioned the Republican Party to advance his agenda."= A.....Read more.



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Expert Insight

FTC Takes on Economic Liberty with Introduction of New Task Force

Tom McLaughlin | Trade



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On March 16, 2017, the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) concurrently rolled out a task force and accompanying resource webpage focusing on economic liberty, with a concentration on occupational licensing reform to advocate for public education and change on this contentious topic.



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ILEC Remembers

ILEC Remembers Representative Forristall

Representative Greg Forristall - IO-22 - February 15, 1950 – May 10, 2017



"We at ALEC are saddened by the news of Representative Forristall's passing as he was such an important and consistent presence at our meetings and within our organization," said Lisa B. Nelson, CEO of ALEC. "We extend our deepest condolences to his family during this difficult time."



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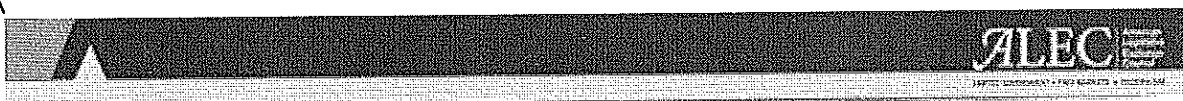
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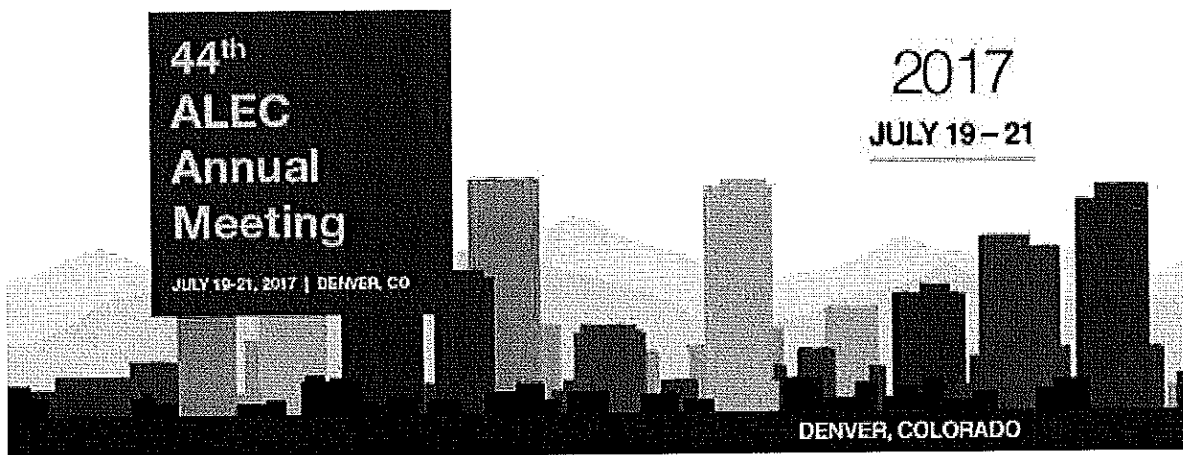
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ALEC Task Force Meeting Update

2017 Spring Task Force Wrap-Up

Charlotte, North Carolina - 2017 ALEC Spring Task Force Summit

- Donor privacy and campus speech were top topics of discussion.
- Amended "Resolution in Support of Nonprofit Donor Privacy" passed the Civil Justice Task Force and is now pending board approval.
- Campus model policy "Forming Open and Robust University Minds (FORUM) Act" passed the Education and Workforce Development Task Force and is now pending board approval.
- The Center attended both the Education Task Force and Civil Justice Task Force and moderated a panel on campus speech.
- A big thank you to Representative Kim Coleman, Alliance Defending Freedom, Foundation for Individual Rights in Education and Young Americans for Liberty for participating in the campus speech panel!

In the News

Emmett Talks Campus Free Speech in the Michigan Senate

Michigan Senate Judiciary Committee | Campus Free Speech



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What We're Doing in the States

Free Speech Issue Briefings in the States

South Carolina | Michigan | Utah | [Contact Daniel Turner](#) for More Info

- We are excited to launch a series of free speech issue briefings for state legislators at state capitols across the United States! These briefings cover the issues of campus speech, donor privacy and commercial speech.
- So far, we have held briefings in South Carolina, Michigan and Utah. Thank you Sen. Colbeck, Rep. Riley, Rep. Runestad, Mackinac Center, Alliance Defending Freedom and Young Americans for Liberty for helping make the Michigan briefing a success! Thank you ALEC's Center for State Fiscal Reform, Rep.

Coleman, Rep. Thurston and Matt Miller of the Goldwater Institute for your help and participation in the Utah briefing!

- We have already lined up issue briefings in additional states. If you are interested in having an issue briefing in your state on free speech, please contact us at dturner@alec.org.

ALEC Working Group Update

Working with the Center to Protect Free Speech

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Thank you to all of our members for the overwhelming interest in joining the Free Speech working group! Keep an eye out for the first free speech working group email, closer to Annual Meeting.

If you are interested in joining, please contact us. We welcome the involvement of all who are interested in fighting to protect the freedom of speech.



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Expert Insight

Why You Need Free Speech to Find the Best Sandwich or Hotel

The Federalist | Sam Peak | Commercial Free Speech



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High five to Sam Peak, who was the Center's first intern this spring! He recently finished his internship with us and went on to author an excellent article on commercial speech that was published in The Federalist! In the piece, Sam clearly lays out why commercial speech is essential in layman's terms (no easy feat, incidentally). Great work, Sam!

To learn about commercial speech from a legal perspective, check out the Washington Legal Foundation's Legal Opinion Letters on Commercial Speech.



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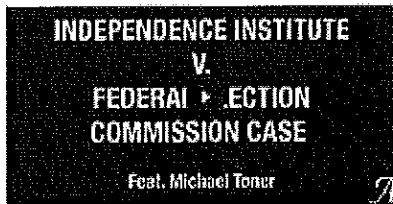


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Expert Explanation

Independence Institute Explained

Independence Institute v. Federal Election Commission Case | Feat. Michael Toner



Michael Toner explains the importance of the Independence Institute case. This video was also shown during the Civil Justice Task Force's luncheon on donor privacy at STFS.



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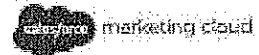
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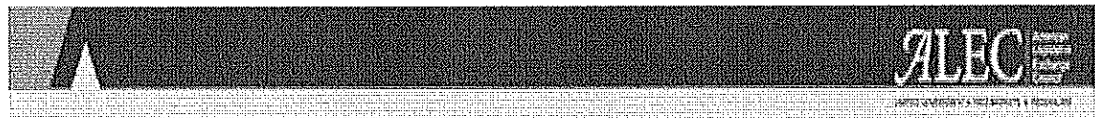
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- What is the scope of prescription drug misuse and abuse and how does it affect our communities?
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- What does the future hold: how do autonomous vehicles impact our lives and how do the impact our communities?

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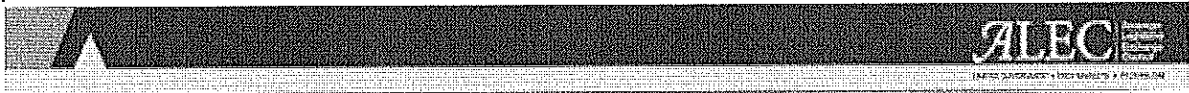
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Expert Insight

What's the Matter with Kansas Republicans?

The Weekly Standard | Stephen Moore | Tax Reform



"..the media and the teachers' unions and, alas, at least half the Republicans in Topeka now think the financial salvation for Kansas is to make the state look more like Connecticut and Illinois. If they have their way, that's exactly where the state is headed."...Read more.



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Tax Reform Update

U.S. House of Representatives Committee on Ways and Means Written Testimony

Jonathan Williams | United States House of Representatives | Tax Reform



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[Testimony](#)

ALEC was approached to submit testimony for the House Committee on Ways and Means. Click here to read my written testimony. The primary focus is on our lessons learned from tax reform efforts in the states, where nearly 30 states have significantly reduced taxes in the past four years alone.

In addition to providing the widely respected ALEC Principles of Taxation, I discussed a tale of two states with radically different tax reform outcomes: North Carolina and Kansas. They are both important case studies as lawmakers consider federal reform.



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Matthew Harper | CA-74



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Matthew Harper has represented California's 74th Assembly District since 2014. He began his career in public service in 1998 when he was elected to the Huntington Beach Union High School District Board of Trustees. Click here for the full bio.



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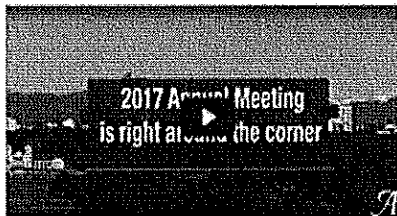
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ALEC Events Update

44th Annual Meeting Early Bird Rates End Soon!

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Important Upcoming Dates

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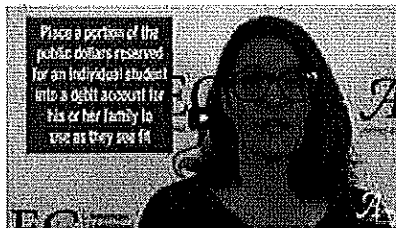


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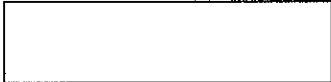


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"Choice Counts": Education Director Documents Success of Charter Schools, Education Savings Accounts

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"There's an enormous amount of choice in Arizona, and we're seeing the results," Stepman continued. "Arizona kids, who are much poorer and more Hispanic than the Northeast, Massachusetts, Connecticut population, we're seeing that population of Arizona kids, when given choice, is performing close to the level of the privileged population near Harvard or Yale. Choice is making a huge difference." ...Read more.



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The Paris Climate Agreement is a Bad Deal for America

Kenneth Stein | Task Force Director, Energy, Environment and Agriculture



ALEC has long opposed the government picking winners and losers pointing to the fact that while energy consumption has continued to grow, air quality has also improved. Binding, multilateral treaties that restrict the free market and stifle American innovation harm not only today's energy generators, but also those of the future. Click here to find out more.



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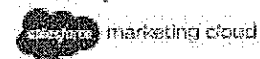
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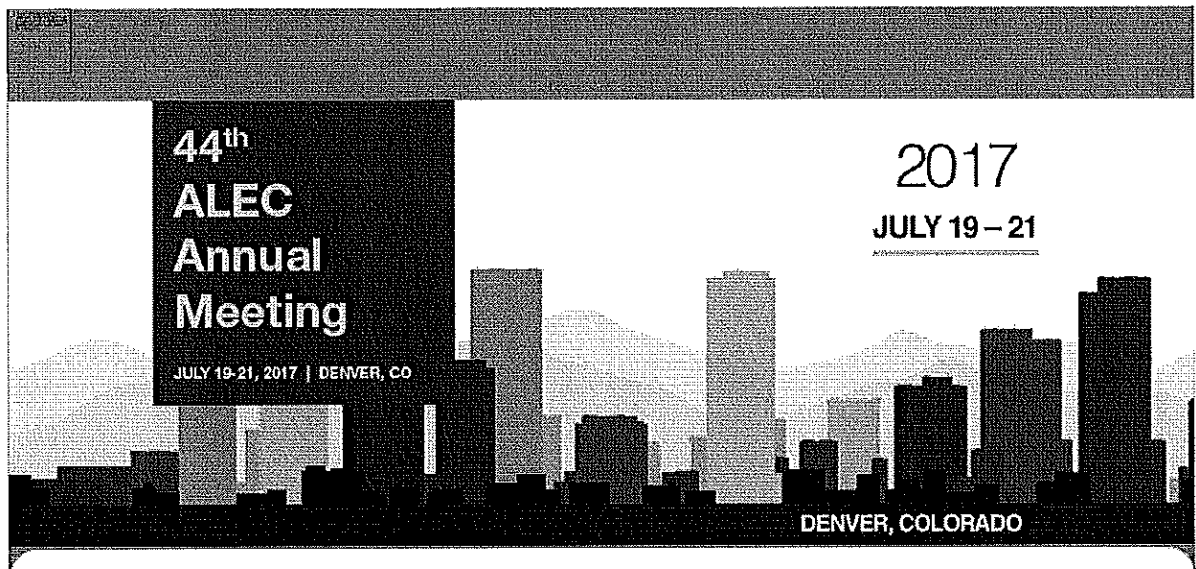
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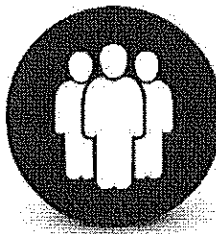
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Dear Members,

As the rhythms of the new administration start to take shape and new battle lines are drawn, I write to you about two very different but connected topics: Understanding Trump and how to get the best out of the administration, as well as the assault on free speech and the politics of disruption. Both help set the stage for the July Annual Meeting in Denver where there will be a strong focus on both federalism and free speech.

The Trump agenda has been met with strong—if not reflexive—opposition. On a daily basis, it seems the intensity has been turned up on absolutely everything. Free expression is under attack on college campuses; news media is being silenced by pressure campaigns targeting advertisers and legislators. For this reason, ALEC launched a new center, The Center to Protect Free Speech, in January. The purpose of the Center is to educate legislators and concerned citizens regarding the importance of free speech and promoting policies that ensure the ability for all to speak freely—even dissenters.

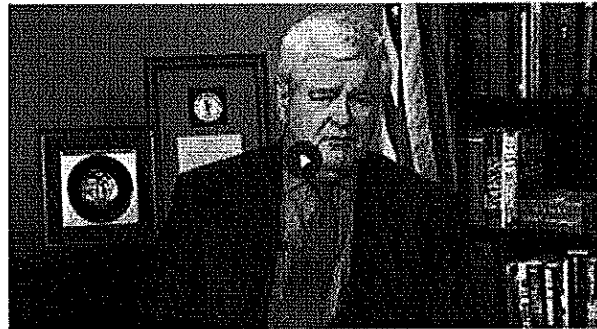
The vitriol is a lot to process. It is hard to understand, but as a part of the ALEC family, you know it's nothing new. What you see today is chapter and verse from the anti-ALEC playbook of old. **It is the same people and organizations implementing exactly the same tactics on new targets.** Listen for instance to this April 20 NPR broadcast with Color of Change Executive Director Rashad Robinson where he takes credit for the ouster of Bill O'Reilly—not on the grounds of the accusations against him, but because of Robinson's effective campaign execution.

I am pleased the Trump agenda thus far has been one focused on deregulation and federalism. When the president talks about cutting the budget or eliminating federal programs, it means his proposals give way for the states to lead and serve their people.

Please take a moment to view a message to ALEC members from author, Speaker Newt Gingrich:

Newt Gingrich's new book, *Understanding Trump*, (available on June 13) helps people understand

and decode the president. In the book, Newt shares that interpretations offered through the elitist lens pervasive in the media miss the intention and import of Trump proposals. Unlike any previous president, however, Trump works around the media and simply takes his message directly to the American people. Whether or not one agrees with the President's agenda, it is in all of our interest to better gain a better understanding of President Trump.



I hope you will order the book and engage in the process. Like President Trump we all have to stay focused on advancing our ideals of limited government, free markets and federalism.

Over the Memorial Day weekend I had the pleasure of paying a visit to the Ronald Reagan Presidential Library and was reminded of the thinking, 45 years ago when ALEC was founded, that discourse between American businesses and policymakers was a positive force for good. This thinking helped to foster a dialogue of how government can provide the necessary guiderails but stay out of the way to help businesses flourish.

If you have concerns about the current anti-corporate, anti-conservative protest landscape, please think of ALEC as a resource. ALEC weathered the storm and emerged stronger than before. We can provide you with the playbook, what to expect and how to navigate the challenges.

The challenges that meet the free market agenda are many, but we are also many. Their goal is to divide us—to diminish the strength of our network and keep us from working together. We can't let that happen. If we do, the result—as we've seen before—is an over-regulated, economically depressed America that takes advantage of taxpayers and delivers minimal gain. And, that is not the America Reagan often preached about.

We at ALEC have made a priority of educating companies and executives about intimidation tactics. Please look to ALEC as a resource and reach out to Chief Operating Officer Bill Meierling about how we can help you.

I hope to see you in Denver July 19-21 for our annual meeting. See you then!

Sincerely,

Lisa B. Nelson
Chief Executive Officer
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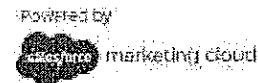
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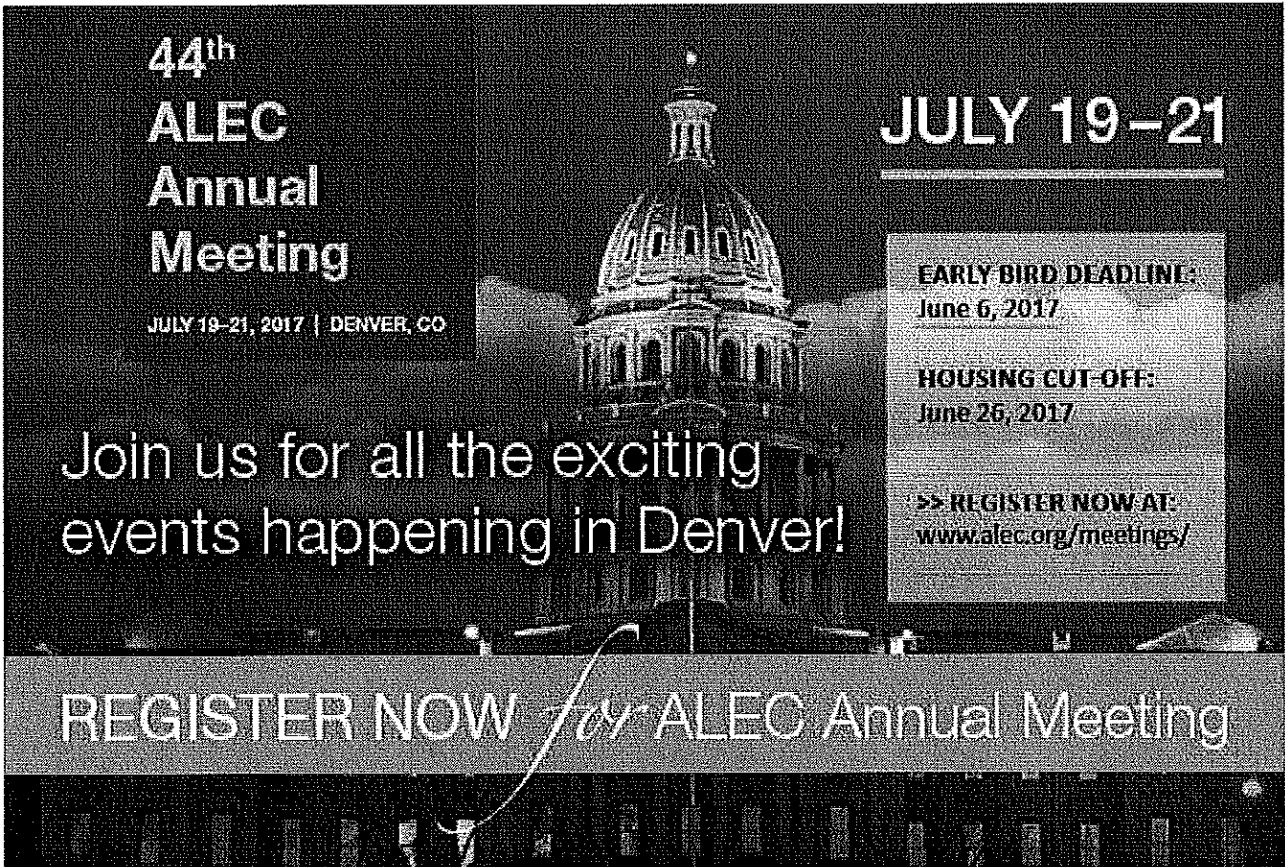
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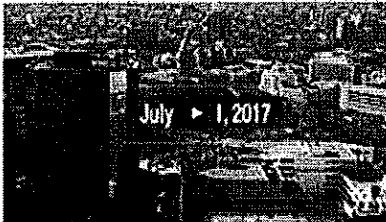
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Ronald L. Lampard | Sean Smith | Criminal Justice Reform



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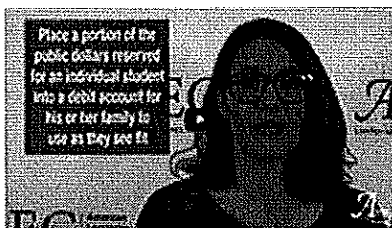


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What are Educational Savings Accounts (ESA)?

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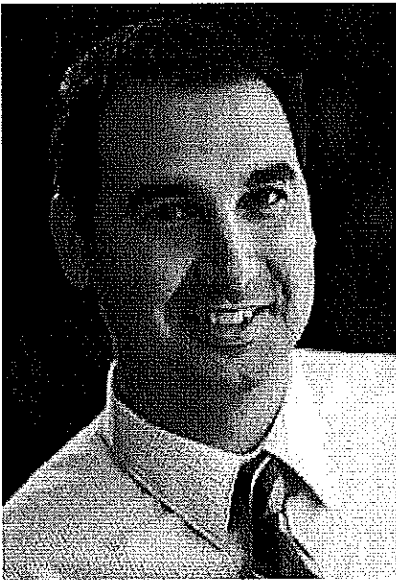


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ALEC-FreedomWorks Legislator of the Week

Representative Mike La Rosa | FL-42



Representative Mike La Rosa is a native Floridian and was born in Miami, Florida. He received his B.A. in Interpersonal Communications from the University of Central Florida. Outside of his work in the legislature, Rep. La Rosa serves as a real estate and development broker at La Rosa Realty. [Click here](#) for more.



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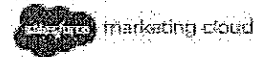
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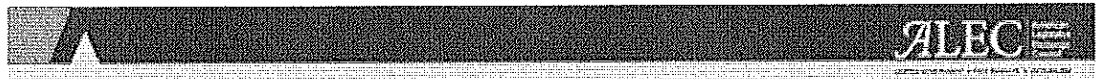
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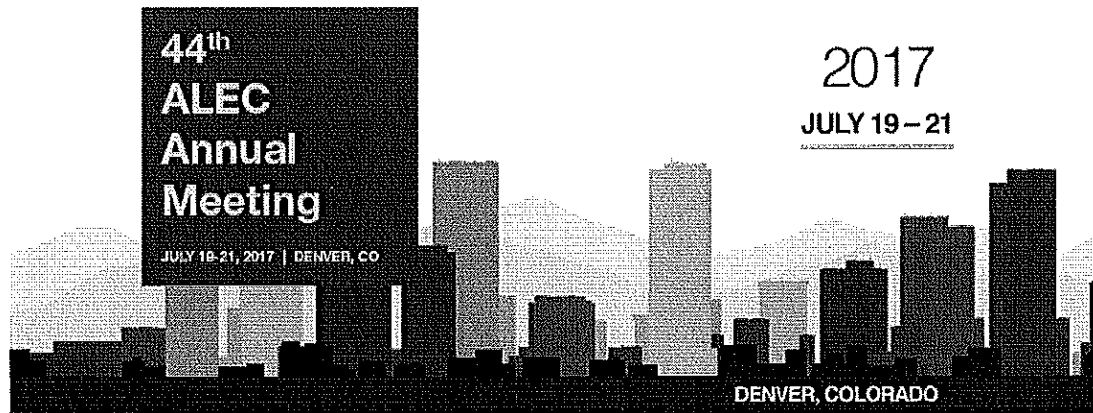


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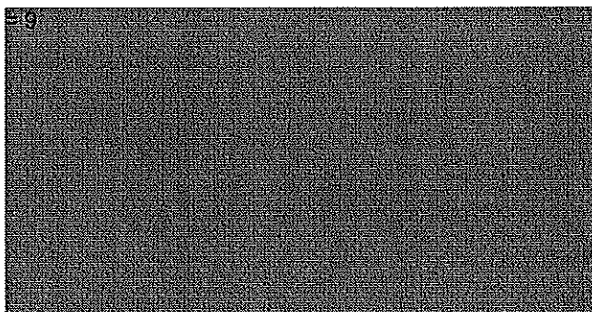
Speaker Announcement Secretary Betsy DeVos

Join ALEC and Secretary DeVos as she speaks to what is being done for Education issues at the state and federal levels.
This will be a highlight of the meeting!

Workshop: "The State of Oil and Natural Gas Regulations: Local Governments vs. State Agencies & How the Industry Can Best Balance Transparency and Safety"

Conversations around oil and gas have drastically shifted over recent years. Many argue that local governments are best suited to handle oil and gas regulations, while others would argue State agencies are best equipped to do so.

Come and be a part of the conversation!



Policy Spotlight

The ALEC Health and Human Services Task Force is excited to announce Grace-Marie Turner and Avik Roy will be joining the task force to speak on the state of Health Reform in the states.



Grace-Marie Turner
President
Galen Institute



Avik Roy
President
Foundation for Research on
Equal Opportunity

Turner has been instrumental in developing and promoting ideas for reform to transfer power over health care decisions to doctors and patients. She speaks and writes extensively about incentives to promote a more competitive, patient-centered marketplace in the health sector.

Roy is the author of *How Medicaid Fails the Poor* and *Transcending Obamacare: A Patient-Centered Plan for Near-Universal Coverage and Permanent Fiscal Solvency*. He serves on the advisory board of the National Institute for Health Care Management and co-chaired the Fixing Veterans Health Care Policy Taskforce.

This is a great opportunity to hear from two major players in the health care reform fight.

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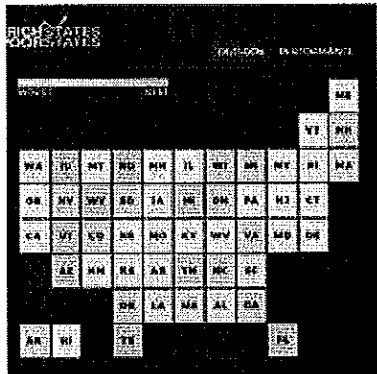
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Second Budget Impasse, Look Beyond the Media Hype to the Facts

Griffith | Senator Ty Masterson, KY



The impasse in Topeka over how to close the budget gap and whether to impose tax hikes has captured the attention of the state and the nation. [Click here](#) to learn more about Kansas plans to minimize the tax burden on creators, entrepreneurs and workers.



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g States' Budget Deficits: Performance-Based Outcome Budgeting

| Bob Williams | President, State Budget Solutions



Bob Williams, President of State Budget Solutions and Senior ALEC Scholar, lays out how states are masking long-term budget deficits through accounting gimmicks-spurring the risk of a severe crisis. [Read more.](#)



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It is with excitement that I announce my departure from the American Legislative Exchange Council (ALEC). It has been such an honor to be a part of the ALEC team for the past four years. I enjoyed my time here and appreciate being part of such a great organization. Thank you for the encouragement, support and friendship during my years at ALEC. It was a pleasure working with you and I hope we can continue to work together.

On Monday I will begin a new chapter as the Director of Development at the Liberty Justice Center. I do hope we can continue our friendship. Please feel free to contact me via email at laureljane.buckley@gmail.com or phone at 815-830-4811.

If you need anything here at ALEC, please contact Wes Fisher at WFisher@alec.org or via phone at 571-482-5051.

Until next time,
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2017 Annual Meeting – July 19-21, 2017 – Denver, Colorado
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Nathan Williams Joins the State Financial Officers Foundation Advisory Board

Nathan Williams | ALEC Chief Economist and Vice President for the Center for State Fiscal Reform



ALEC Chief Economist and Vice President for the Center for State and Fiscal Reform, Jonathan Williams, has joined the State Financial Officers Foundation (SFOF) Advisory Board. [Click here](#) for more.

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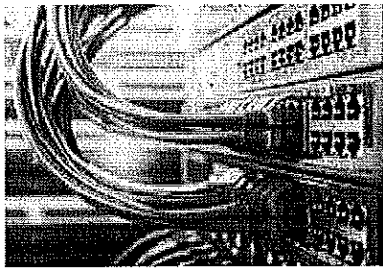


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Report: Municipally Owned Fiber Networks are a Losing Proposition for Taxpayers

Jonathan Hauenschild | Task Force Director, Communications and Technology | Broadband



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According to a **recent report** from the University of Pennsylvania's Center for Technology, Innovation and Competition, municipally owned broadband networks simply are not wise investments for localities. **Click here** for more.



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Representative Heath VanNatter | IN-38



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Representative Heath VanNatter is a native of Indiana born in Howard County. He is currently serving in his fourth term representing the 38th District of the Indiana House of Representatives. Rep. VanNatter is the owner and operator of VanNatter Construction, and serves on the Executive Committee of the Indiana Builders Association and the Board of Directors of the National Association of Home Builders. Additionally, he is the past President of the Howard County Home Builders Association, of which he is also a current board member. **Click here** for the full bio.



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A Letter From the Desk of, *Inez Feltscher Stepman*

Dear Kirk,

I hope you are looking forward to the great meeting we're planning for you in Denver! We'll be discussing some timely topics in our task force meeting, from updates to our education savings account and tax credit scholarship plans, to due process on university campuses, to the proper role of the federal government when it comes to education and advancing school choice.

The past couple months have been busy here at ALEC. Last Wednesday, alongside other great organizations like TTPF, The Heritage Foundation, and the Goldwater Institute, ALEC released a letter to Secretary of Education Betsy DeVos, commending her for her continued support of education choice, as well as recommending some solutions that would advance choice while rolling back Washington, D.C.'s heavy hand in education policy. I also co-authored a policy paper with Lindsey Burke, who directs the Center for Education Policy at The Heritage Foundation, on the potential universal education savings accounts offered in the great state of Texas.

Unfortunately, education choice has suffered two setbacks in the past month. First, a great Texas coalition took education savings accounts right down to the wire, but the legislature failed to pass the special needs program at the last minute. And second, the Nevada legislature adjourned without funding the more than

8,000 families *already* signed up for the state's near-universal eligibility ESA program. These setbacks will just make us more determined to fight harder to empower parents with the choices that suit their children, not a distant bureaucrat or an arbitrary district line, best.

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What I'm Reading
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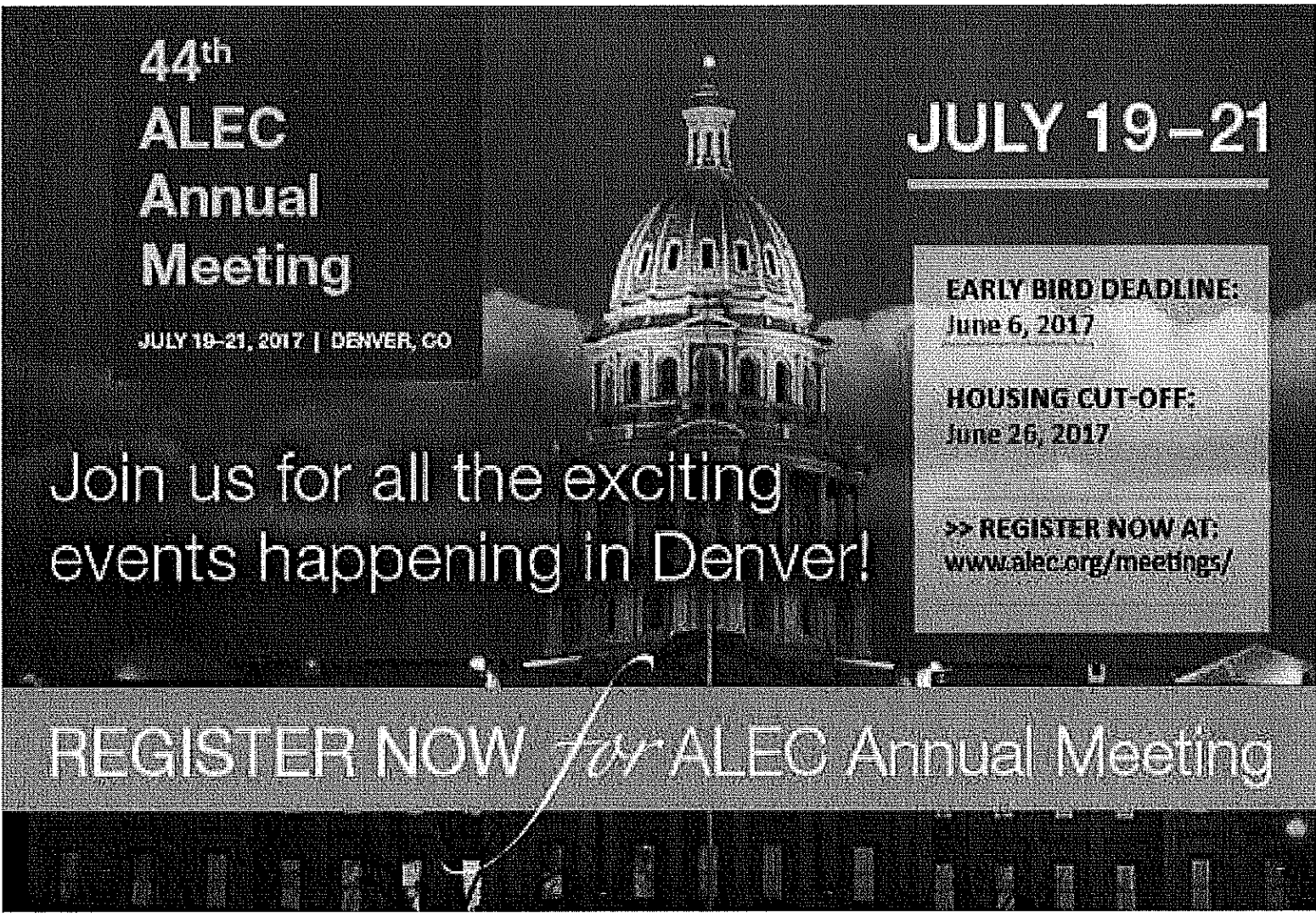
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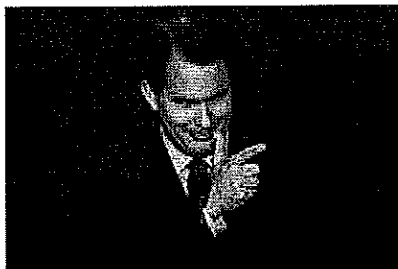


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Wisconsin Institute for Law and Liberty | Jake Curtis and Will Flanders



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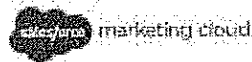
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